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GROUP 2612
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2004, please consider the following comments.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application:

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application with claims 1 and 9 being in independent form.

II. Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding Claim 9 allowable.